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SUBJECT

Russian-French Agreement Concerning
Sale and Processing of Color Film

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1. Under an agreement made this year through Rasno Export, 120,000 meters of Agfa color negative film was sold to France against dollar payment, with the condition that all material would have to be developed and copied in Berlin-Köpenick. Since the French are apparently using this film for military purposes, they are unwilling to fulfill the agreement and have tried to use Wehrmacht material still available in Paris instead of delivering the raw stock to the Russians for processing. The Russians have now halted further deliveries.

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Comment: All German scientists who obtain color film from Agfa in Witten are required to have them developed in Berlin-Köpenick; an extra copy of each print is retained by the Russians.

2. The French are believed to be using the color film in the production of camouflage films for target pictures and underwater photography in the Mediterranean and West Africa.

3. The French Sécurité Militaire also has ordered a 1st Lt. Kot to collect all possible German military films, with great emphasis placed on those made by the German Navy. Although the Americans are reported to have made a great deal of Luftwaffe footage available, the French believe that there are still valuable films as yet undiscovered in Berlin. They are also greatly interested in all film material of professor Schardin. Lt. Kot's directive includes the following points:

- a. How the film can be used in research.
- b. What work has been done in Germany.
- c. Location of the people who cooperated in producing the film.
- d. Test films of new equipment.
- e. Obtain films designed for troop instruction, particularly those giving tactical instructions for the maintenance of equipment.

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Comment: In a similar export deal between the Russians and the Swiss, the stipulations also called for processing of the film at the Kodak-Werke in Berlin-Köpenick. See [REDACTED]

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